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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 466 (Kuehl), as introduced on February 18, 2005, would allow a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.

Specifically, to use this system, a local agency must identify the system by signs which clearly indicate the system's presence, identify the vehicle containing the system, issue warning notices for the first 30 days, and make a public announcement 30 days prior to using the system. In addition, the local agency must operate the system in cooperation with a local law enforcement agency, develop guidelines for screening and storage of confidential information, establish guidelines for selecting appropriate sites, inspect equipment, certify the equipment is operating properly, and maintain controls necessary to ensure that only those citations that have been reviewed and approved by law enforcement are delivered to violators. The bill also allows a local agency to contract out the service, but must retain overall control and supervision, and the contractor's compensation may not be based on the number of citations, or a percentage of the revenue generated from this equipment. The authorization for this program would sunset on January 1, 2008.

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The Department of Public Works (DPW) supports AB 466 because it will help keep traffic speeds consistent with street design and posted speed limits. DPW also recommends that the bill be amended to include school zones to enhance pedestrian safety, and we concur. A position of support and amend on SB 466 is consistent with Board policy to support legislation allowing the use of automated enforcement systems to enforce speed limits on local streets and school zones. Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support SB 466, and seek to amend the bill to include school zones.

According to Senator Kuehl's office, there is no official support or opposition to the bill. However, they indicated that they anticipate support from the bill's sponsor, Los Angeles City, the cities of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood, Culver City, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Police Commission, and expect opposition from labor organizations representing State law enforcement.

SB 466 was introduced on February 18, 2005, and was sent to the Senate Rules Committee for assignment. The bill may be acted on after March 21, 2005.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-opposed SB 34 (Florez), which would prohibit the chairperson of a First 5 (Proposition 10) Commission from being a member of a board of supervisors, require a new local advisory committee, and require that the majority of the commission membership consist of persons who do not represent the County, was to be considered by the Senate Local Government Committee on March 2, 2005, but the hearing was cancelled at the request of the author. On March 8, 2005, the bill was amended to remove provisions which would have barred a member of a board of supervisors from serving as a commission chair, and established a new local advisory committee, but it still contains a provision which would require the majority of commission members to consist of persons who do not represent a county. Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will continue to oppose SB 34. The bill is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Local Government Committee on March 16, 2005.

County-supported, if amended, SB 35 (Florez), would make various administrative changes relating to First 5 (Proposition 10) Commissions, passed the Senate Local Government Committee with amendments by a vote of 6 to 1 on March 3, 2005. The amendments: 1) require county commissions to adhere to State commission guidelines for administrative costs and functions with monitoring protocols; 2) expand audit guidelines and procedures with recognized State and county standards subject to funding by the State; and, 3) require county commissions to send their annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission, with failure to do so resulting in the ability of the State to withhold a local commission's share of tobacco tax revenues until the report is submitted. The bill now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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We will continue to keep you advised.

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